

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner Philip Guyton	Art Unit 2113

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1. This communication is responsive to communication filed 6 December 2007.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, filed 6 December 2007, with respect to claim 1-4 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of the claims has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-20 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The elements of independent claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 12, 18, and 20 were not found through a search of the prior art, nor were they considered obvious by the examiner. In particular, the prior art of record does not teach or suggest:

As in claims 1 and 4, "the host and the second storage system both retain an identifier corresponding to the command, and relate the identifier to the log data whereby the host designates the identifier at any given time to thereby restore data at any given time by the second storage system."

As in claim 5, "wherein on receipt of an acquisition commencement command of log data and a command for suspending pair duplex of the storage unit from the host, the first storage system confirms a storage unit located in the second storage system which is in the pair duplex to suspend the pair duplex."

As in claim 6, "wherein on receipt of a mark command issued by the host, the second storage system confirms a storage unit which acquires the log data, and sets

correspondence of a mark ID and mark data, including a timer value, to the log data acquired."

As in claim 7, "saving, when content of the storage unit has been updated, data prior to and subsequent to the update and information indicating a place for update as log data."

As in claims 12, 18, and 20, "a plurality of logical storage units, of which a certain logical storage unit stores a copy of data to be stored in a logical storage unit of the first storage system constituting a pair, and another logical storage unit comprises: a storage unit to be allocated in order to store log data generated by the first storage system; a cache memory for temporarily storing data to be inputted into or outputted from the storage unit; a memory for storing at least management information concerning the logical storage unit, management information for defining a configuration of pair duplex between the first storage system and the second storage system, management information of a log and a program for processing a command from the host; and a processor for executing the program."

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Philip Guyton whose telephone number is (571) 272-3807. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Beausoliel can be reached on (571) 272-3645. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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